

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: : Date: February 11, 2005  
TOENSING :  
Serial No.: 10/765,407 : Group Art Unit: 3652  
Filed: January 26, 2004 : Examiner: Dean J. Kramer

For: STAKE REMOVAL TOOL

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2004 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

Claims 1-10 remain in the subject patent application. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 10 are amended and claims 11-17 are added herein.

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